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Fireworks Restriction Reminder

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) –With the sale of fireworks beginning and the approaching Fourth of July Holiday, the Sedgwick County Fire Department would like to remind you of the following regulations to keep your family safe while enjoying your holiday:

It is unlawful for any person to possess, store, offer for sale, expose for sale, sell at retail, use or explode any fireworks within the unincorporated areas of Sedgwick County and the area included in Sedgwick County Fire District #1.

The Sedgwick County Fire Department recommends that all citizens ---
“SHOOT THEM WHERE YOU BUY THEM.”

Sky Rockets, Bottle Rockets, and Moon Rockets are illegal in the State of Kansas.

Law Enforcement Officers and the Sedgwick County Fire Department Officers are authorized to issue citations for the violation of the adopted codes of Sedgwick County:

\$50 FINE FOR POSSESSION & OR DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS

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It is unlawful to have a firework display without first obtaining a display permit from the Sedgwick County Fire Department. The application process for the permit must be started at least 10 days prior to the event date.

\$100 FINE FOR FAILURE TO OBTAIN DISPLAY PERMIT

Check with each incorporated city within Sedgwick County to ascertain their codes pertaining to fireworks.

In the Wichita/Sedgwick County area in 2002, there were 28 fireworks related incidents with property losses totaling \$201,600. Area hospitals reported 43 fireworks related injuries, and over 1,425 fireworks related complaints were received by 9-1-1 dispatchers.

"The Fourth of July is a great time to celebrate," said Commission Chairman Tim Norton. "We want to make sure that everyone can enjoy the holiday, and the Sedgwick County Fire District is working for you to be sure that everyone follows the safety guidelines."

For more information or to obtain a "Fireworks Restriction Map," contact Kristi Zukovich at 316-660-9370.

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